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BRATWURST "OKTOBERFEST" EMPANADAS

makes approximately 25 empanadas

INGREDIENTS

2 lb bratwurst sausage (grilled and diced) 1 lb sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

1 tbs worcestershire sauce

1-1/2 teaspoons yellow mustard

1 garlic clove, minced

1/4 tsp salt 1/8 tsp black pepper

2/3 cup non-alcoholic beer

1 package empanada shells (discs)

1 tbs extra virgin olive oil

1 quart canola oil for frying

Ingredients for garnish (optional)

1 cup red onion, julienned

1 cup green apple, sliced

6 cups red cabbage, shredded

1/3 cup sugar

1/3 cup white vinegar

3/4 tsp salt, optional

1/4 tsp pepper

1/4 tsp carroway seed

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Sauté garlic with olive oil in skillet over medium heat for 1-2 minutes
- 2. Add diced bratwurst sasuage and stir
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 3. Add worcestershire sauce, mustard, non-alcoholic beer, salt and pepper and stir occasionally until sauce thickens, about 5-8 minutes
 4. Pour mixture into a large bowl and let cool completely.
 5. Once cooled, add shredded cheddar and mix thoroughly
 6. Place 2 oz of sausage mixture onto each empanada shell, fold shell over into a moon shape and seal the edges together with a fork

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- 7. Heat fryer oil in a large pot to 350 degrees
- 8. Gently place 2-3 empadas into pot so that the oil completely covers the empanadas and that they aren't touching each other.
- 9. Fry until shells reach a golden brown, then remove from oil and repeat until all empanadas have been fried.
- 10. For garnish, combine all ingredients into a sauce pan over medium heat and cook until cabbage is tender, about 5-10 minutes. Let cool and then serve with empanadas.